

VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH PARK COMMISSION
Wednesday, April 19, 2006
Village Hall Building

The regular meeting of the Village of Antioch Park Commission convened by Tom Kessell and was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Members Present:

Jeffrey Benes
Gina Wolf
Tom Kessell
Julie Konvalinka

Others Present:

Laurie Stahl, Parks Director
Mayor Dorothy Larson
Danielle Stahl, Acting Secretary

Absent:

Chris Lienhardt
Jim Weber
Wayne Foresta

Upon motion made by Jeffrey Benes and seconded by Julie Konvalinka, the minutes of the March 15, 2006 Village of Antioch Park Commission Board meeting were approved.

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board - none

NEW BUSINESS

Templates for Proposed Parkland- Jim Weber sent Laurie several drafts and research to Laurie Stahl's office. This research includes templates of parks sizes and comparisons for different types of parks. Weber did online research of template examples from other areas. There was an example template on what should be included in each park in regards to the size. He provided the Colorado State standards for parks. Also included in the research was a sample community survey for a park. Stahl will mail copies to the park board members.

Friends of the Park Schedule 2006- The Parks schedule is as follows:

April- Arbor Day at Senior Center- on 4/29
May- Peterson Park
June- Williams Park
July- Centennial Park
August- North Park and Jensen Park
September- Osmond Park

Stahl stated that the Friends of the Park program needs to be built up in order to gain more participants to help with the clean up. It was suggested that members could try to get the neighbors of the park area to help by passing out flyers. Konvalinka suggested that the program could be advertised by putting a

sign in front of the Park Office. Kessell suggested that the park board could hand out flyers to the participants of Arbor Day and also he will talk to the Environmental Club and ACHS to see if they are interested in participating.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bitner Property update- A meeting with PHN is planned on April 27th at 2:00 p.m. and the Park Board members, Village Trustees and staff are invited to attend. The meeting is a preliminary meeting to decide on a focus group, survey, and to get input from Village officials and park board members. PHN will probably be invited to the May Park Board meeting to get community input. Stahl passed out a letter to the members from Trustee Scott Pierce that was written to the Mayor. Mayor Larson wanted the members to be aware of Trustee Pierce's opinions concerning indoor vs. outdoor aquatic centers. Benes stated that the park board has not even discussed what type of aquatic center they would like to see and that is why the board will seek community input to discuss many of these concerns. The Bitner property has been annexed into the village. Kessell inquired whether people are still living on the property and if so, which budget is their rent money currently going to. He questioned whether the rent money should go into the Park fund to help pay for the aquatic Center.

Park Impact Fee Report (Memo from Finance Dept)- Joy McCarthy sent a memo concerning the Transfer of Funds. The memo stated that she is still unable to locate exactly what expenditures were involved in the inter-fund activities. The members stated that they would like to see bank reconciliations and where the money should be coming in from.

Reminder- Arbor Day- April 29th at Senior Center 9a.m. - noon - Stahl will check to make sure that the NJHS volunteers will be attending. Kessell will check whether the NHS and Environmental Club will be volunteering. Stahl will drop off flyers at the high school's Earth day to promote Arbor Day and Friends of the Park. Stahl stated that food will be donated for the Arbor Day volunteers from: Dunkin Donuts, Big Bites, and Dominos.

Easter Recap- Kessell reported that the Easter parade went well and that he had help from some high school students as well as Jim Weber. The egg hunt had many more participants than last year and Stahl stated that this year's numbers seemed a little overwhelming. Stahl stated that it needs to be made more clear that only one parent should enter with a child and that parents do not need to go in with the 8 -10 age group. Stahl also reported that people trying to find the "golden egg" is getting out of hand and that parents are stomping on the eggs to try and find the prize ticket for the baskets. Because of this, there were not enough eggs left for everyone. Adults should not be hunting with the kids. Next year it needs to be announced more clearly that only kids should be hunting. Stahl suggested maybe not having the that baskets at all due to this. Wolf suggested that there should be a drawing instead, that a number for the

drawing would be given at the time of registration. Konvalinka suggested putting the drawing number on the participant bracelets. Stahl informed the members that a profit was made on this year's hunt compared to last year where there was no profit.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

STAHL- She checked to make sure if every member has a park board shirt. Benes and Wolf need green jackets, t-shirts, and name tags.

KONVALINKA- nothing

KESSELL- Was wondering if there was any update on the lightening warning system. Stahl stated that after her meeting with Mike about her budget, Mike decided to cut the system out of this year's budget. Benes stated that he will check with the Fire Dept. to see if we could get grant money for the lightening system. Kessell also suggested that the park board members should make an effort to visit all the Village parks to see what each park has. Laurie may reassign parks to the members and will send out an updated list.

BENES- nothing

WEBER- absent

WOLF- Inquired about Tiffany Farms land and was wondering what are some possible options for that land. Kessell stated that most of that land is heavily wooded. Stahl stated that she had budgeted to have a firm do a study on that land. It was suggested that a nature trail could be built on the land and that the park access is very small. Wolf also added that the Abbey Estates park land floods when it rains heavily and was wondering if there will be a study on the land too see what the possible options are for the park.

LIENHARDT- nothing

There being no further business to come before the Village of Antioch Park Commission, Julie Konvalinka made a motion to adjourn, and was seconded by Gina Wolf. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2006 at Village Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Chris Lienhardt, Chairperson

Danielle Stahl, Acting Secretary